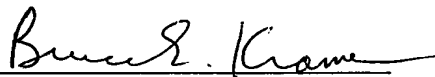


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REMARKS

Claim 2 has been amended to delete a period from the middle of the claim and to make editorial changes without changing the scope of the claim. Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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